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Praise for ‘Costi and the Raindrop Adventure’

“Thanks to ‘Costi and the Raindrop Adventure’ children are taken on a rhythmical and rhyming adventure that educates them about the basics of the water cycle. We follow them over the hills, streams, lakes, rivers, and even under the city, and discover that many of our waterways are connected. I’m sure this book will become a valuable resource when teaching my kindergartners about the importance of water to our everyday lives.”

Karen Kuljis, Teacher, San Jose, CA

“Costi and the Raindrop Adventure is engaging, entertaining and educational. With a melodic storyline and superbly drawn illustrations, children ride a raindrop rollercoaster through the water cycle. This book is sure to captivate young readers and encourage them to learn more about a precious commodity that most of us take for granted.”

Suzanne El Naggar, mother of two, San Jose, CA

“I liked it. It is crazy in a good way. But kids, don’t try these adventures at home.”

Duncan Levy, 9-year-old author of “Happy About Animals”

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I dedicate this book to the my son Constantine, whose inquisitive mind and unique perspective inspired me to write.

~Johnny Khamis

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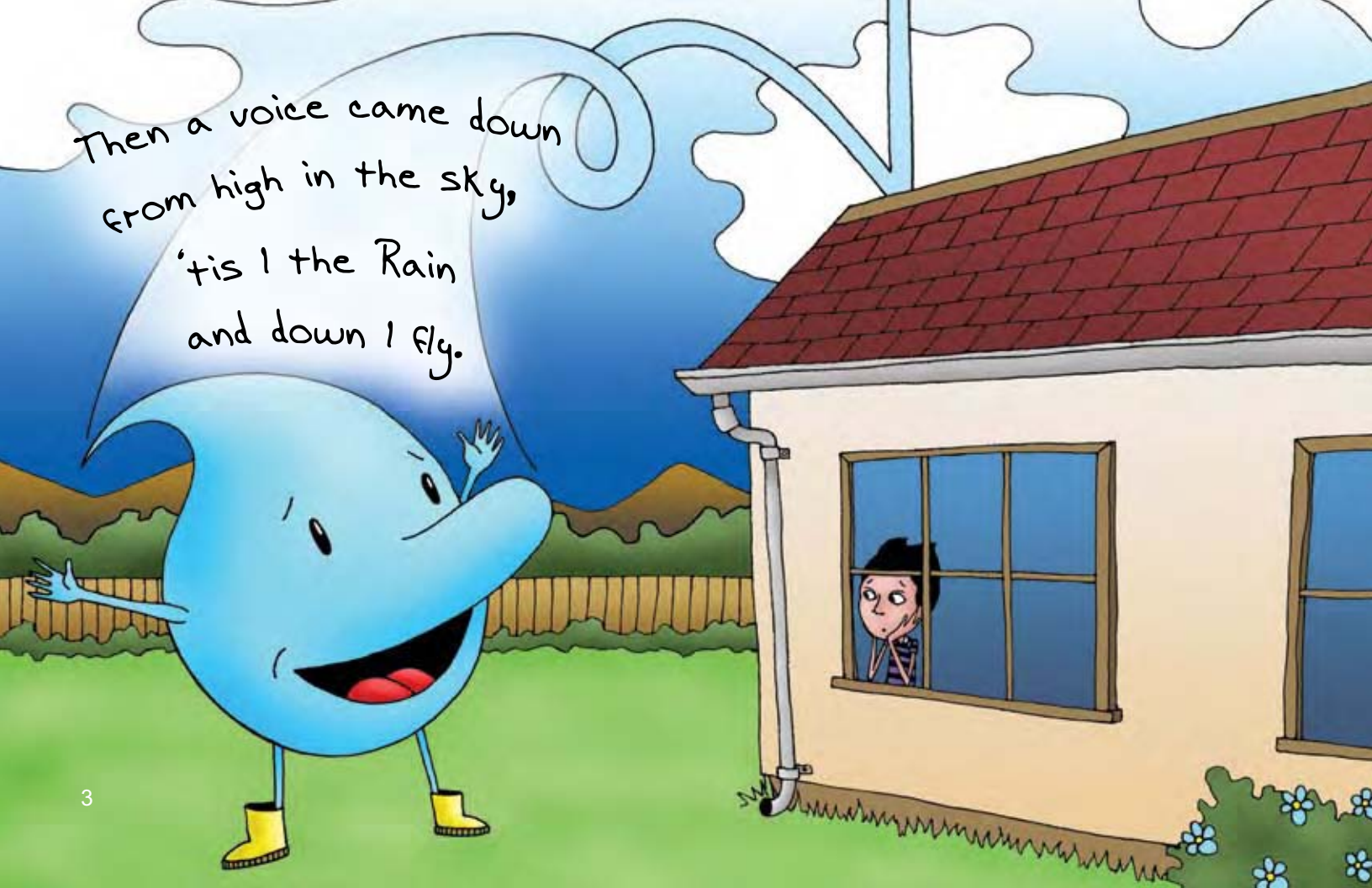
On a cold, cloudy day,
Costi looked about.

Dark and gray was the sky,
for the sun was not out.

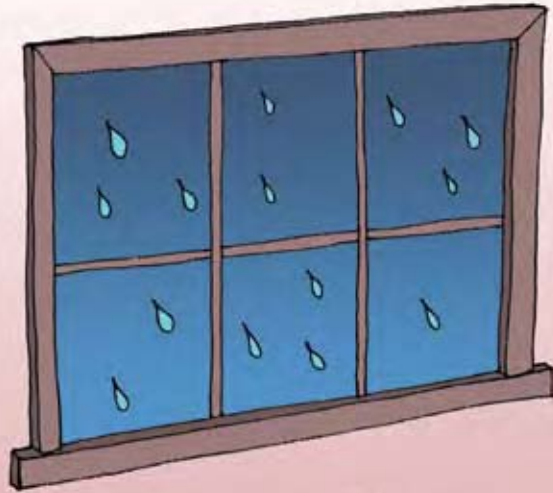
The boy wondered loudly:
why? Why is it so gray?
Why, oh why has
the sun gone away?



Then a voice came down
from high in the sky,
'tis I the Rain
and down I fly.



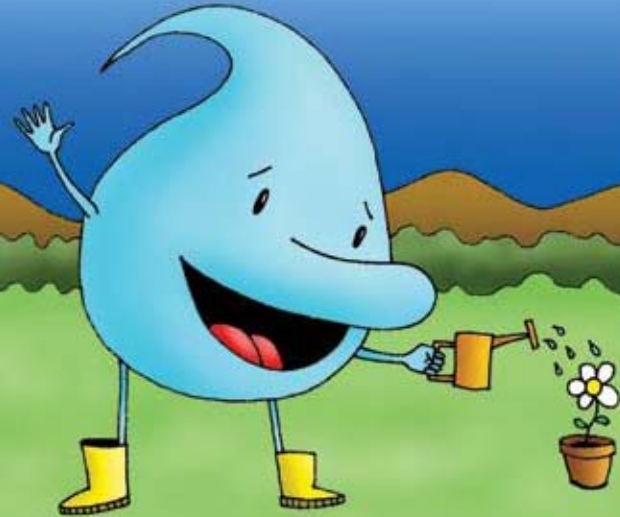
The boy asked, Why are you
coming? You are not fun.
When it rains we must hide
where we cannot run.



I rain on the hilltops,
the fields and the trees



I feed all the flowers,
the reeds and the seeds.



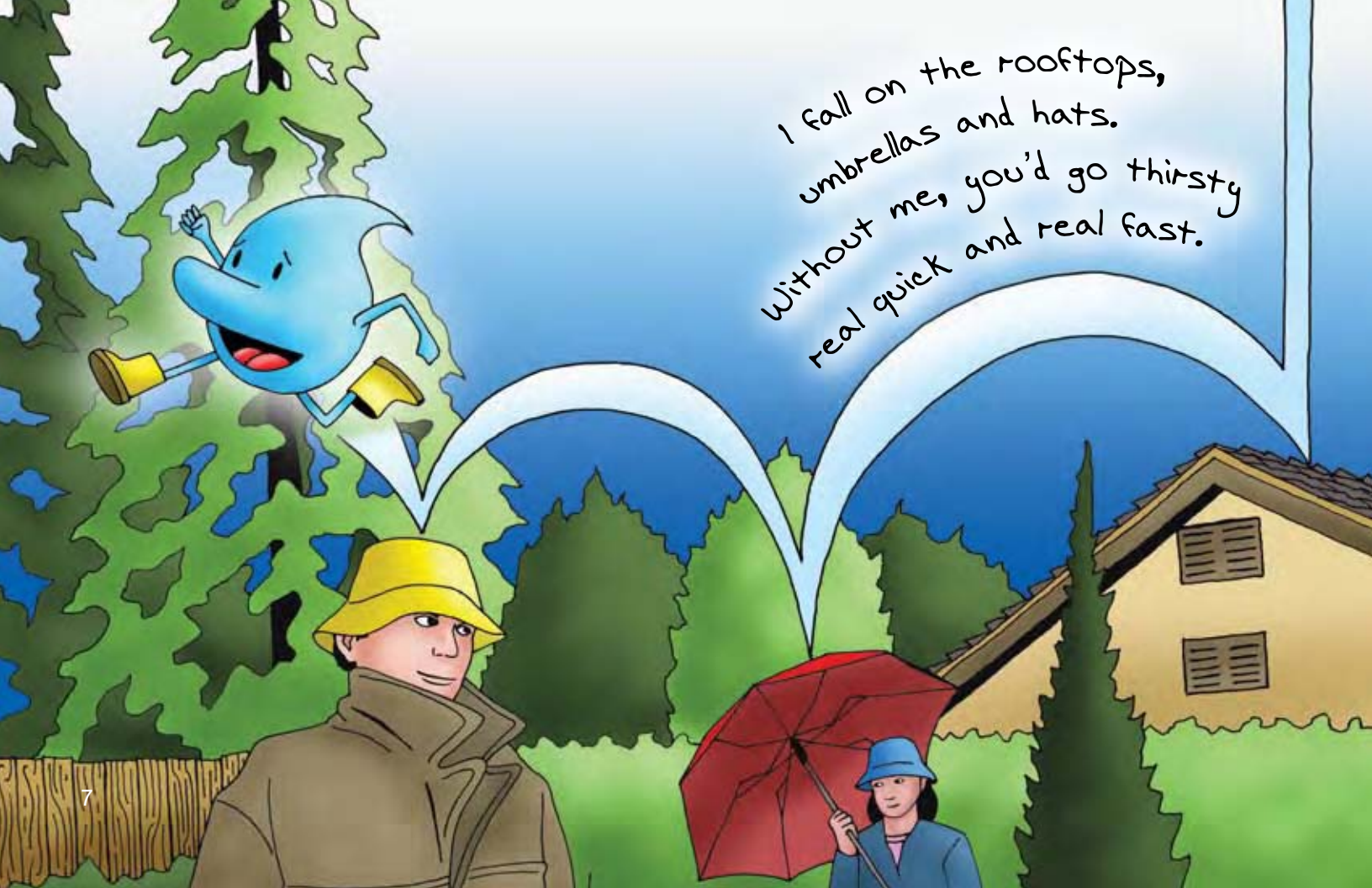
I make rainbows there,
up high in the sky.



If it is cold out,
a snowflake am I.

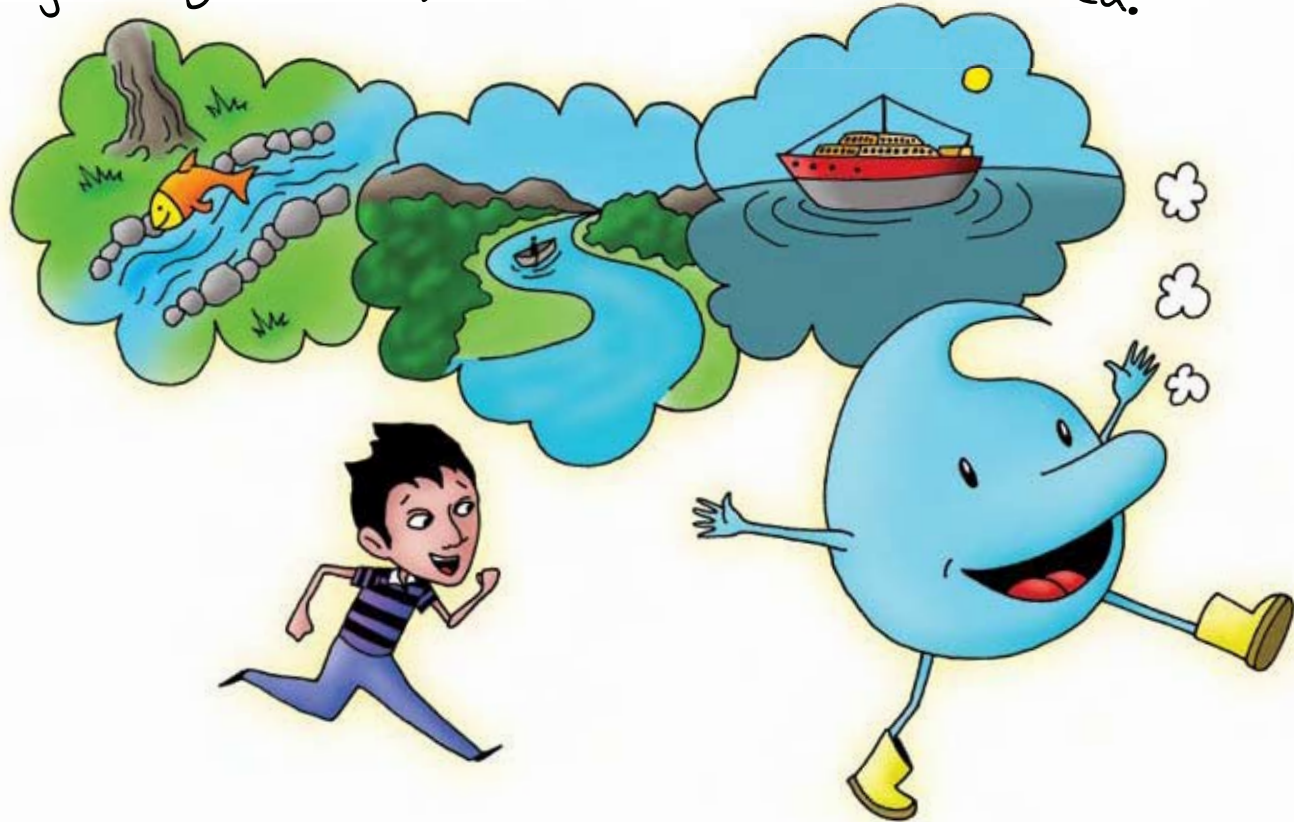


I fall on the rooftops,
umbrellas and hats.
Without me, you'd go thirsty
real quick and real fast.



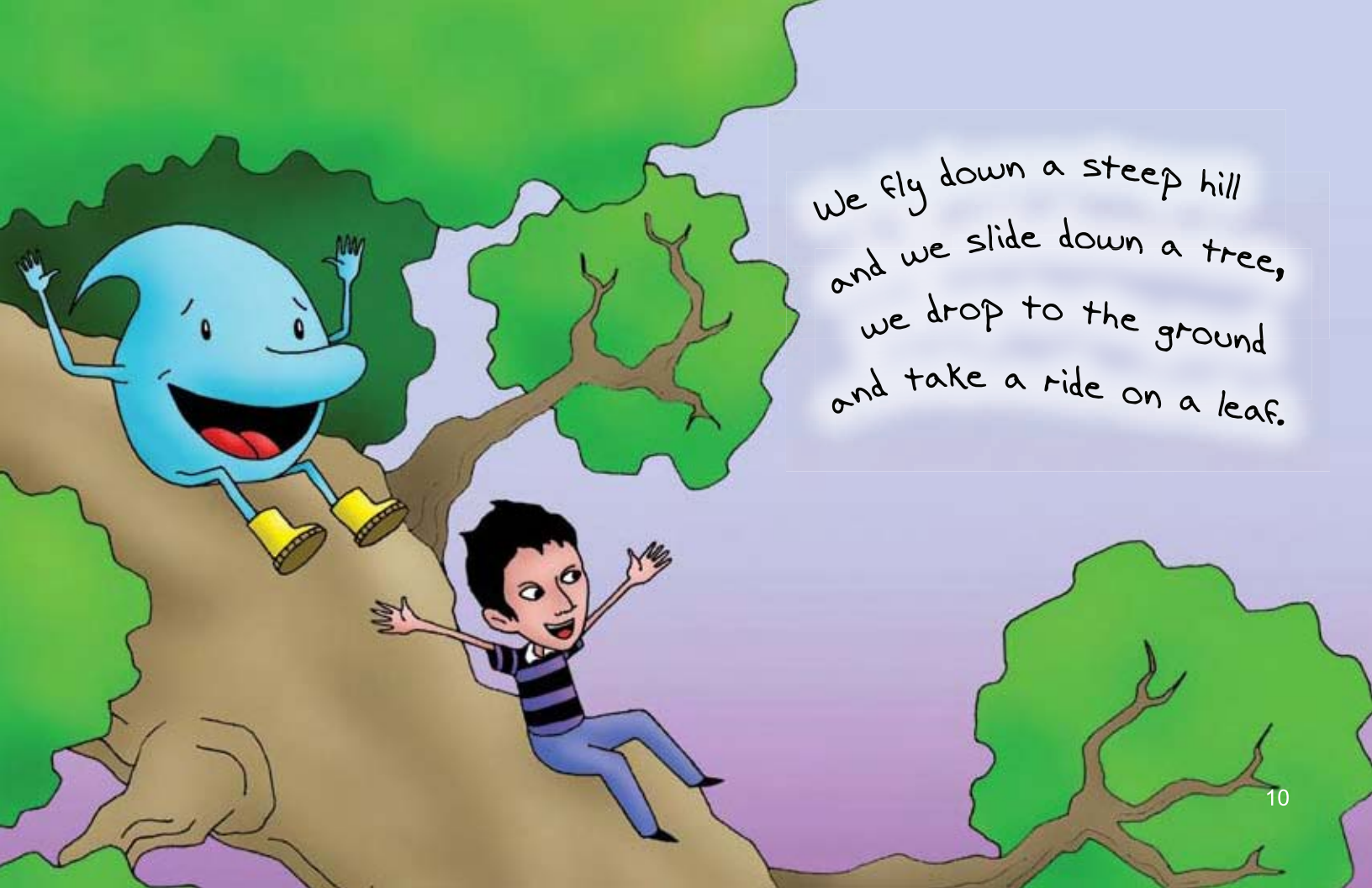
If you like, you can
journey with me,

through the creeks,
and over the sea.





We start in the clouds
up high in the sky,
where I get ready to
jump down and fly.

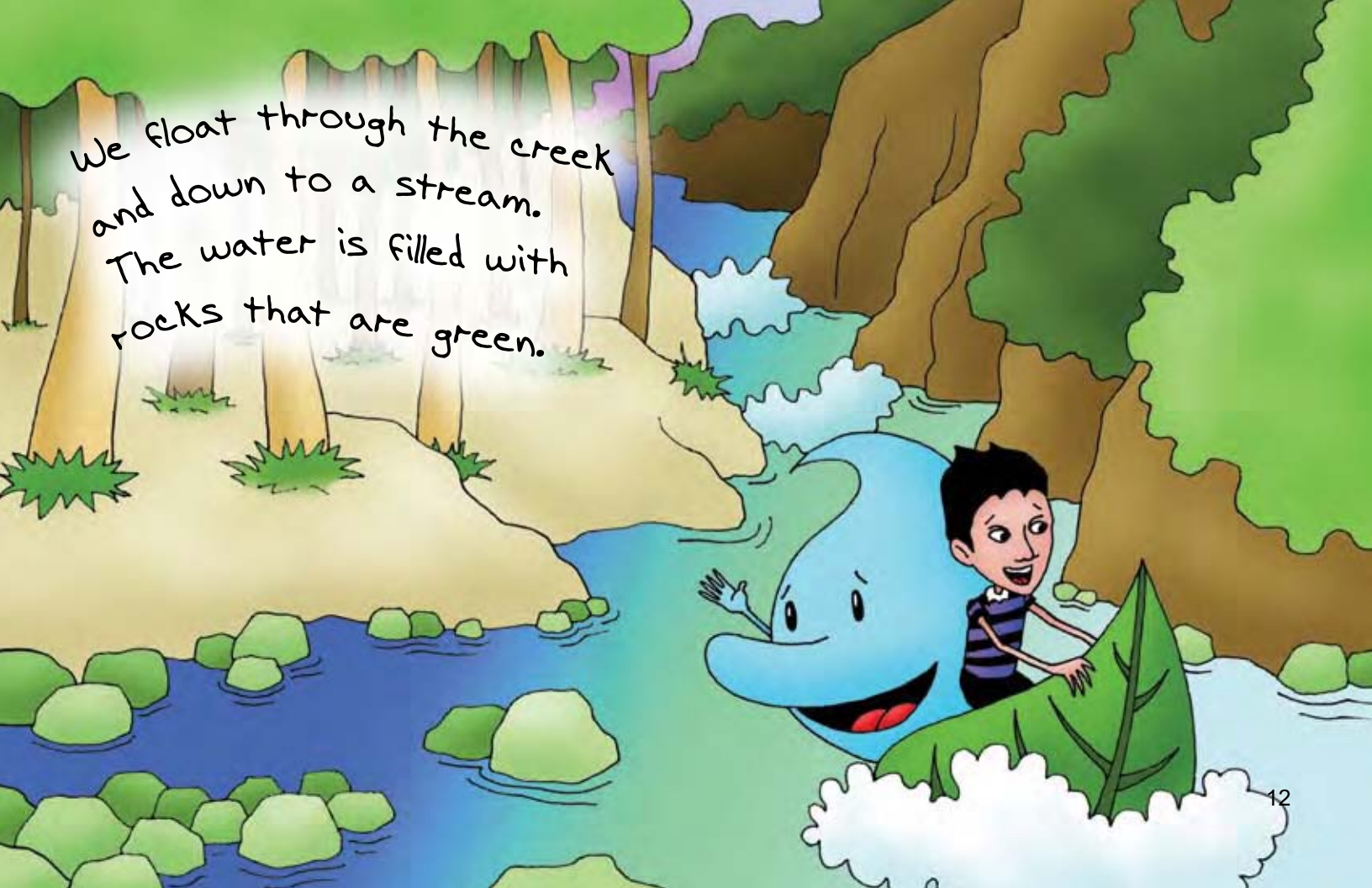


We fly down a steep hill
and we slide down a tree,
we drop to the ground
and take a ride on a leaf.



Through the forest to a
meadow and into a creek,
Where the frogs are jumping
and playing hide and go seek.

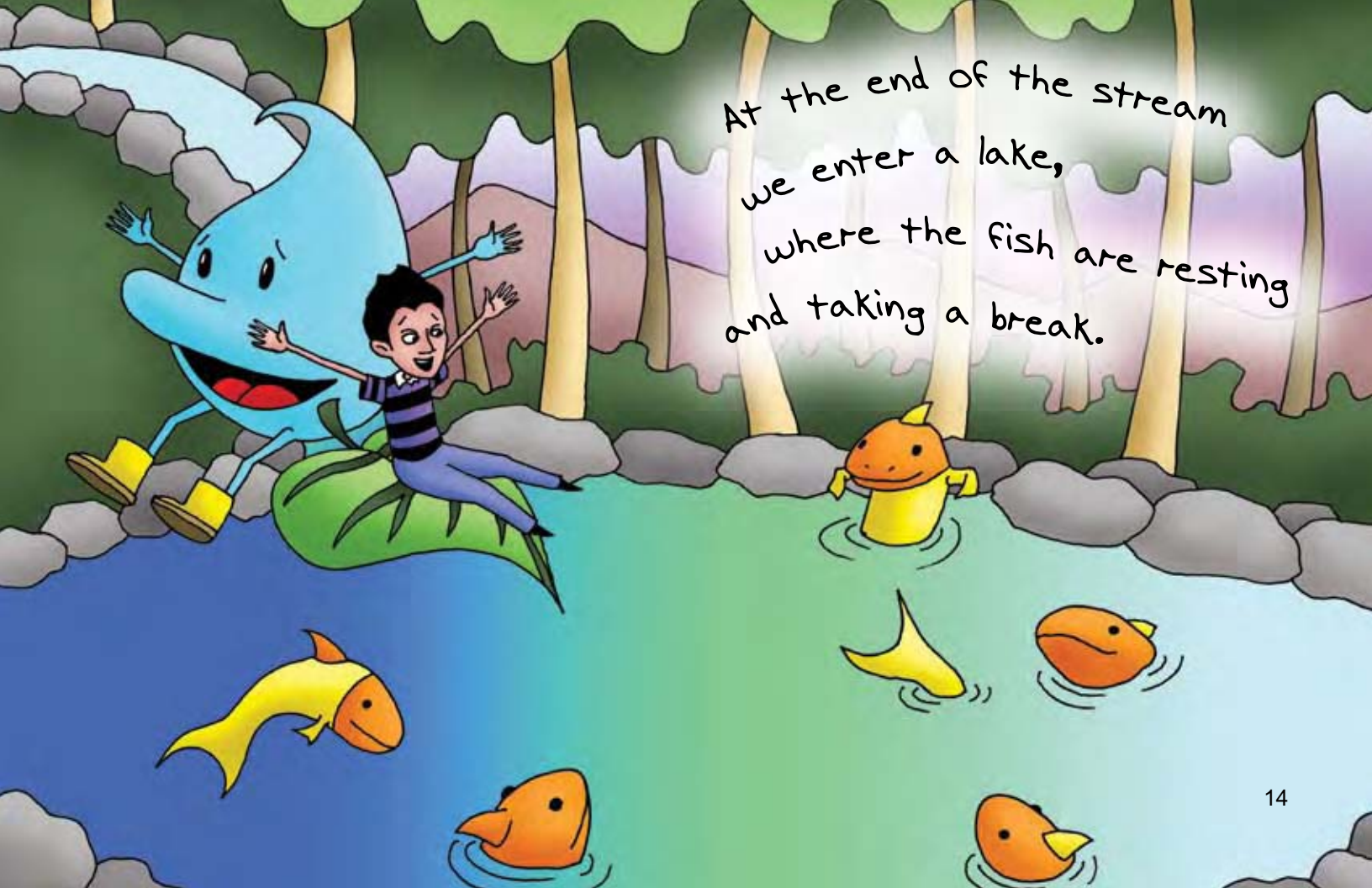
We float through the creek
and down to a stream.
The water is filled with
rocks that are green.



Look out for the bear
he's playing and fishing,
while many other animals
are splashing and splishing.

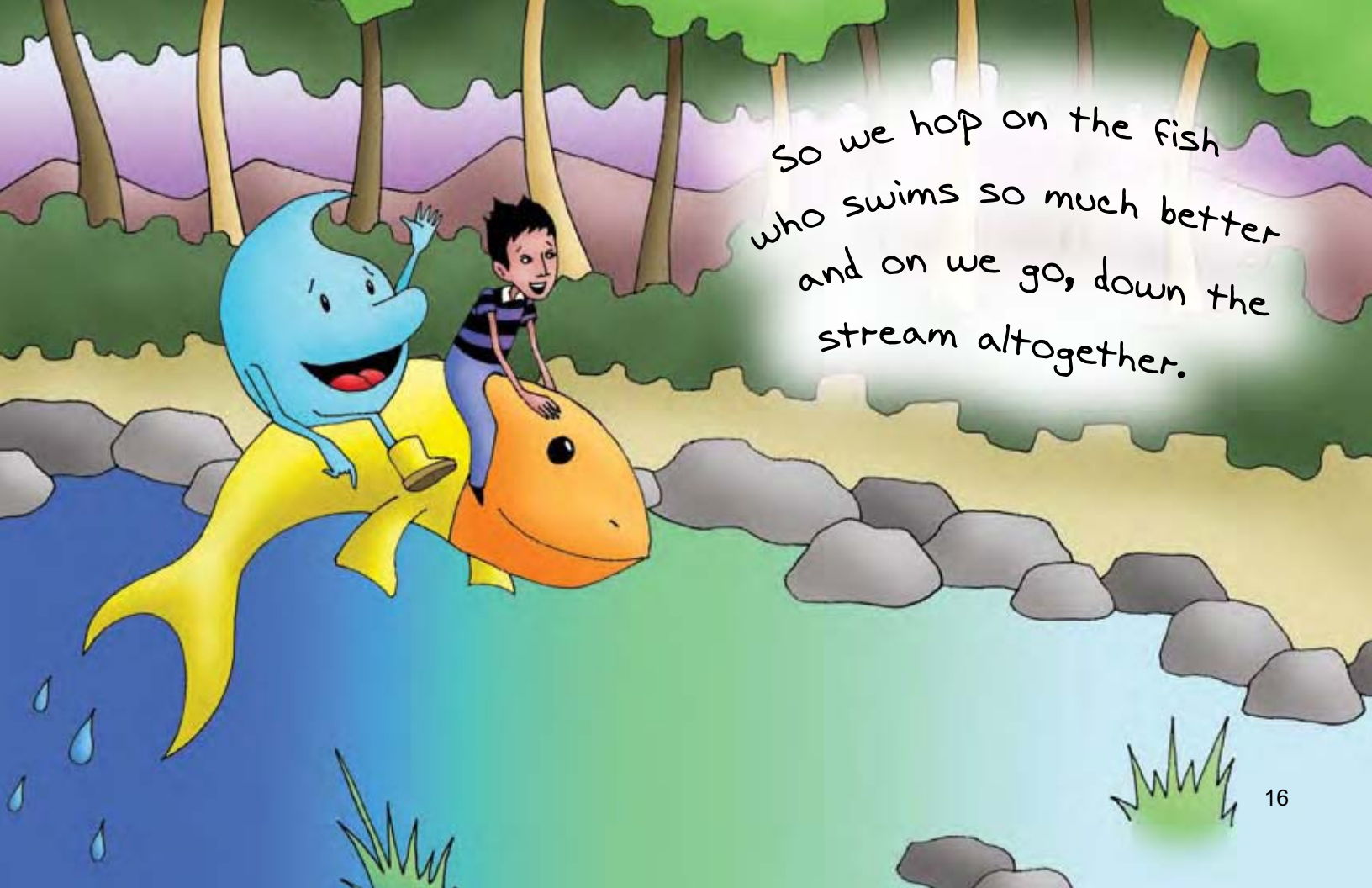


At the end of the stream
we enter a lake,
where the fish are resting
and taking a break.



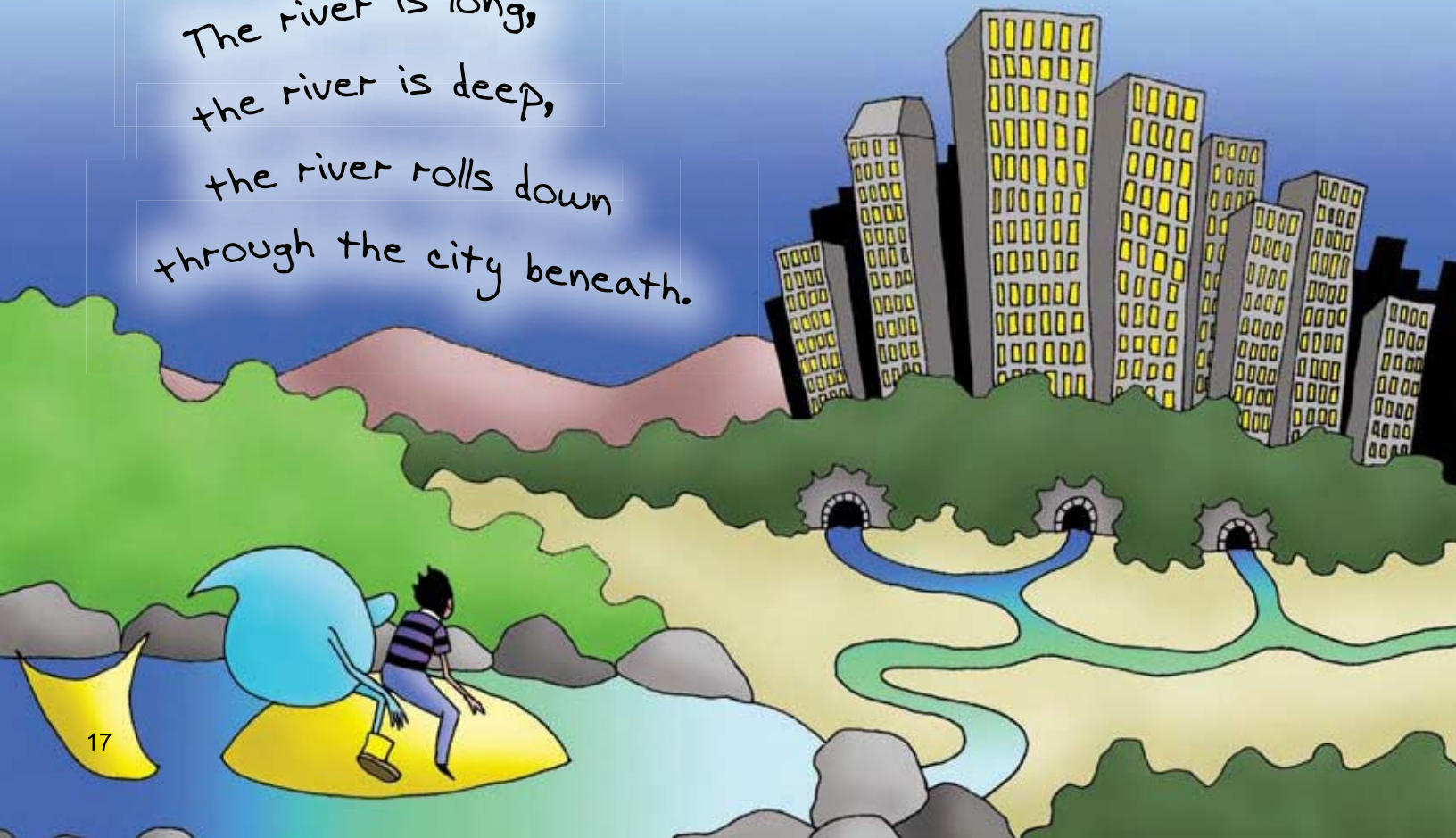
One fish says,
I'll show you the way,
to the great big river
that leads to the bay.



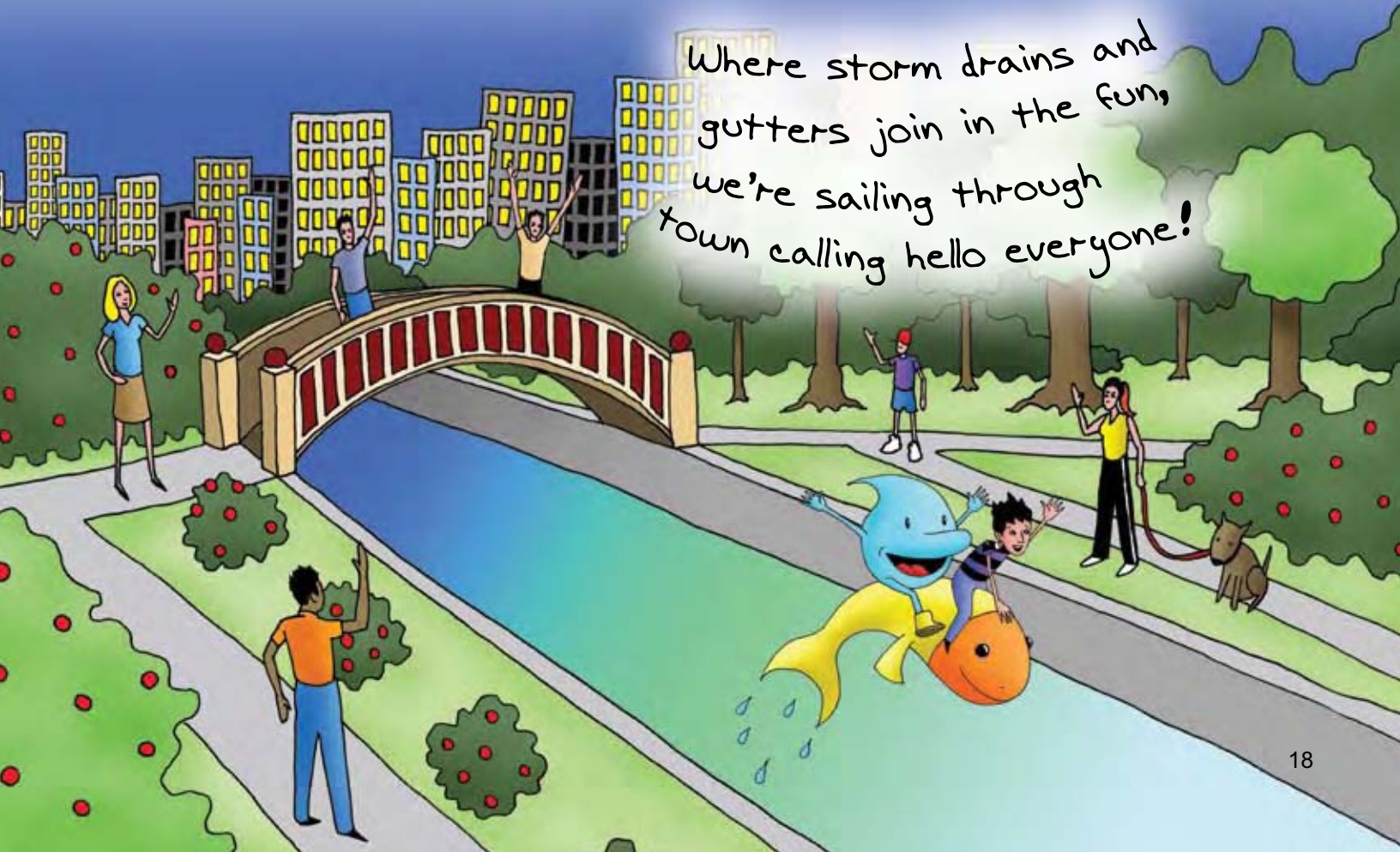


So we hop on the fish
who swims so much better
and on we go, down the
stream altogether.

The river is long,
the river is deep,
the river rolls down
through the city beneath.



Where storm drains and
gutters join in the fun,
we're sailing through
town calling hello everyone!



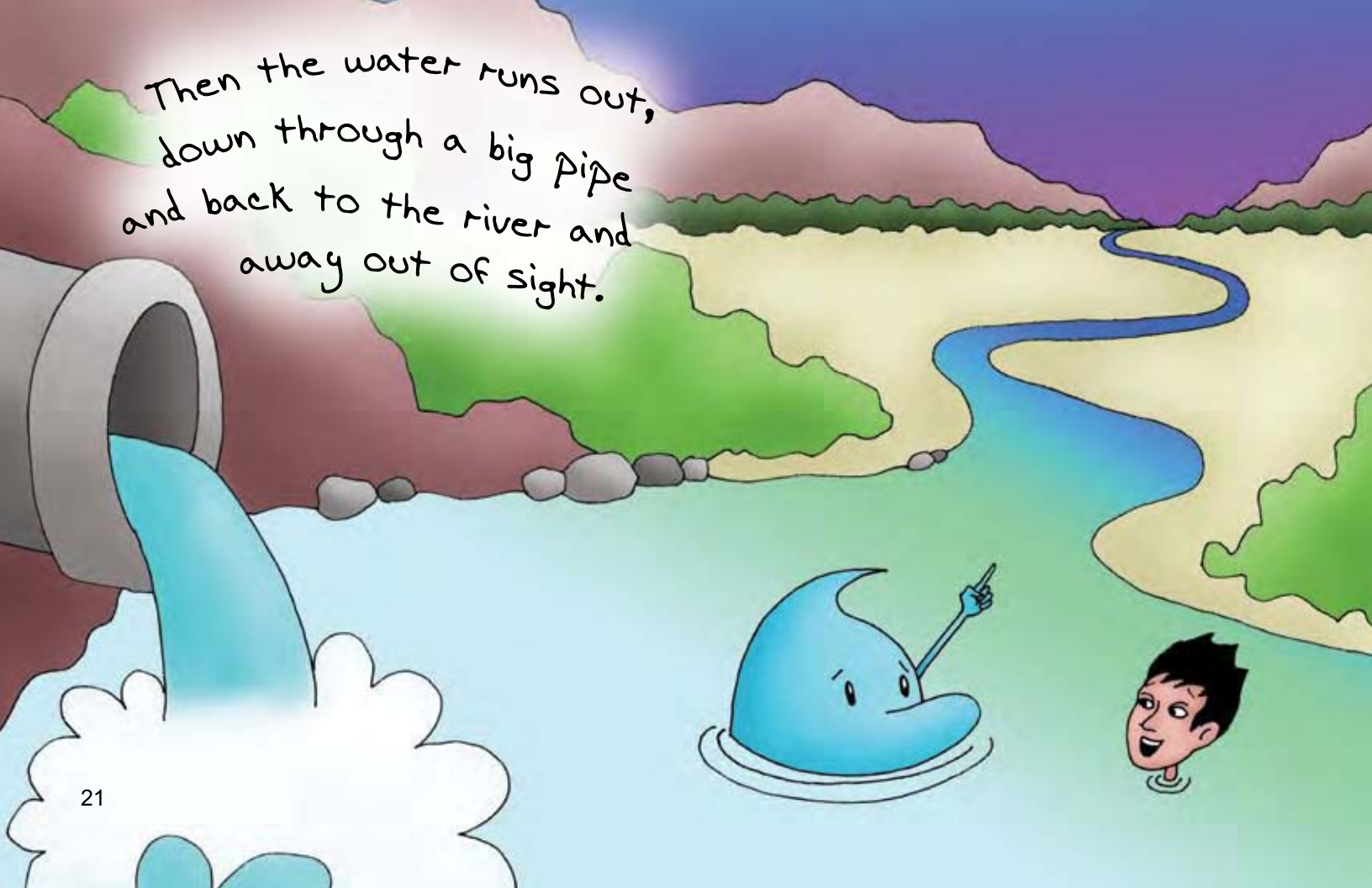
Some water goes left,
some water goes right,
some water is taken
to the bathtub tonight.



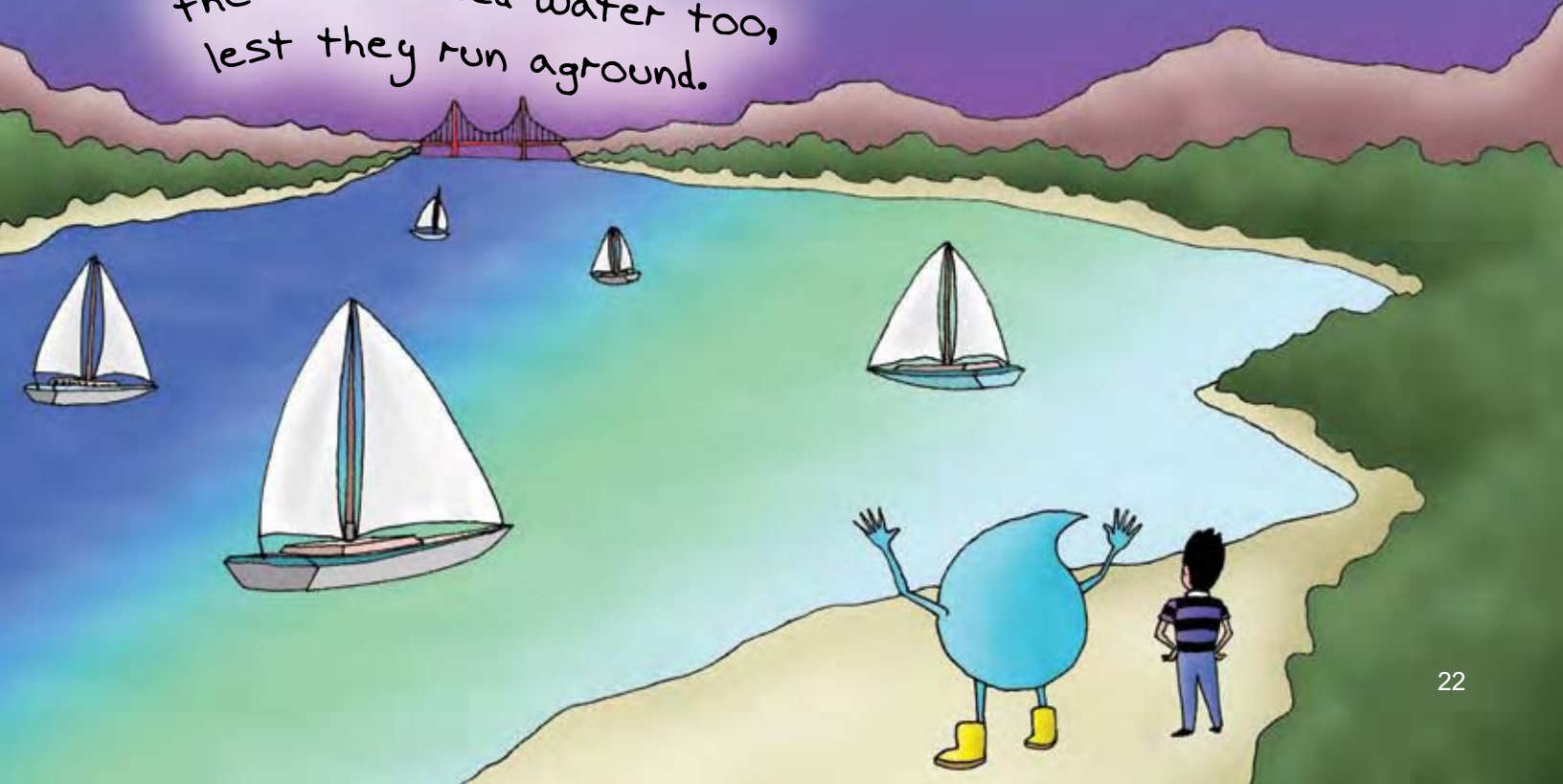
Where little boys and girls
play in water from rain.
Thank you rain for washing
dirt down the drain.



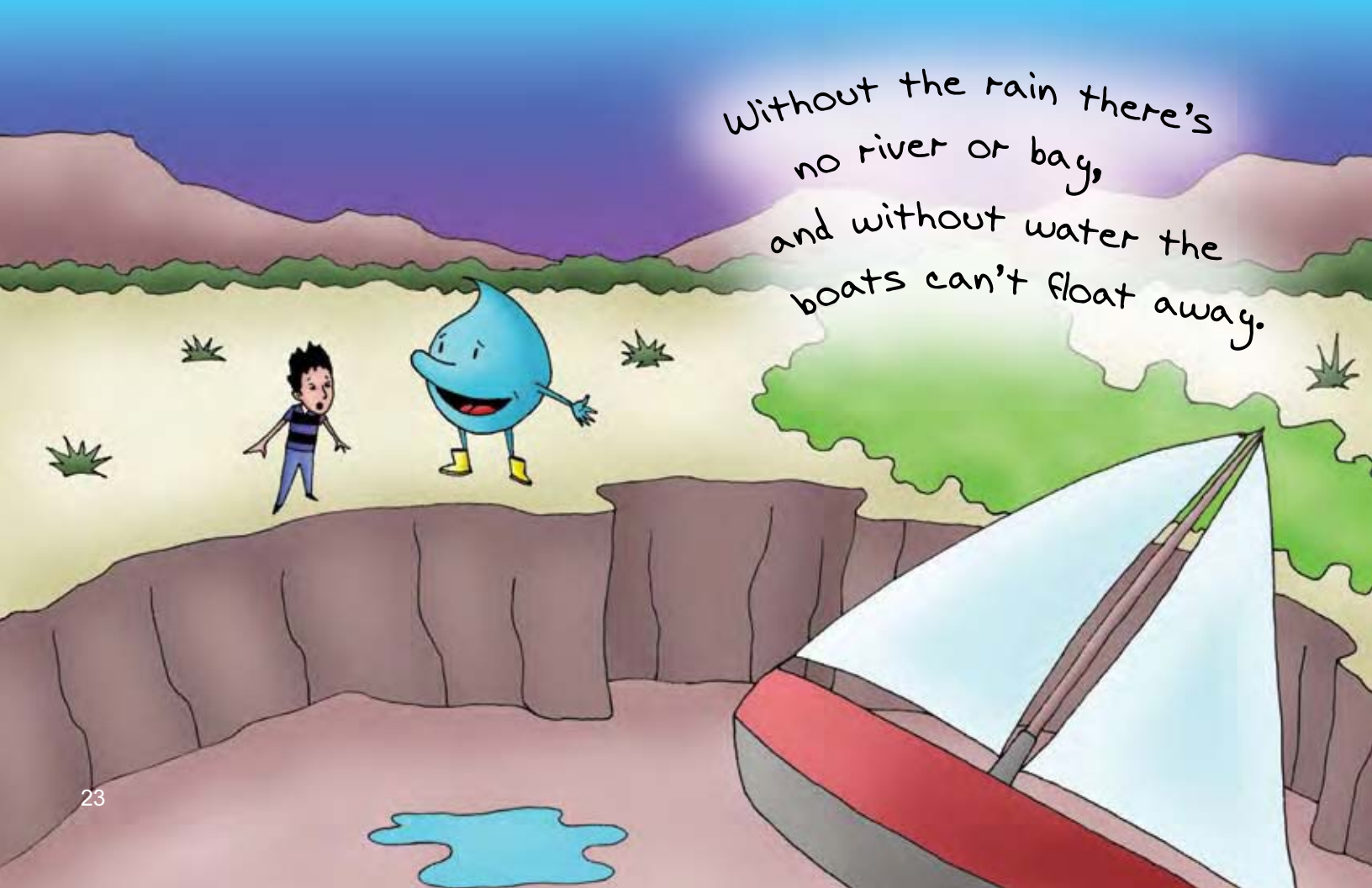
Then the water runs out,
down through a big pipe
and back to the river and
away out of sight.



Here is the bay where yachts
float in the sound,
the boats need water too,
lest they run aground.



Without the rain there's
no river or bay,
and without water the
boats can't float away.




And through the bay
our journey is done,
we pass under a bridge
and out toward the sun.





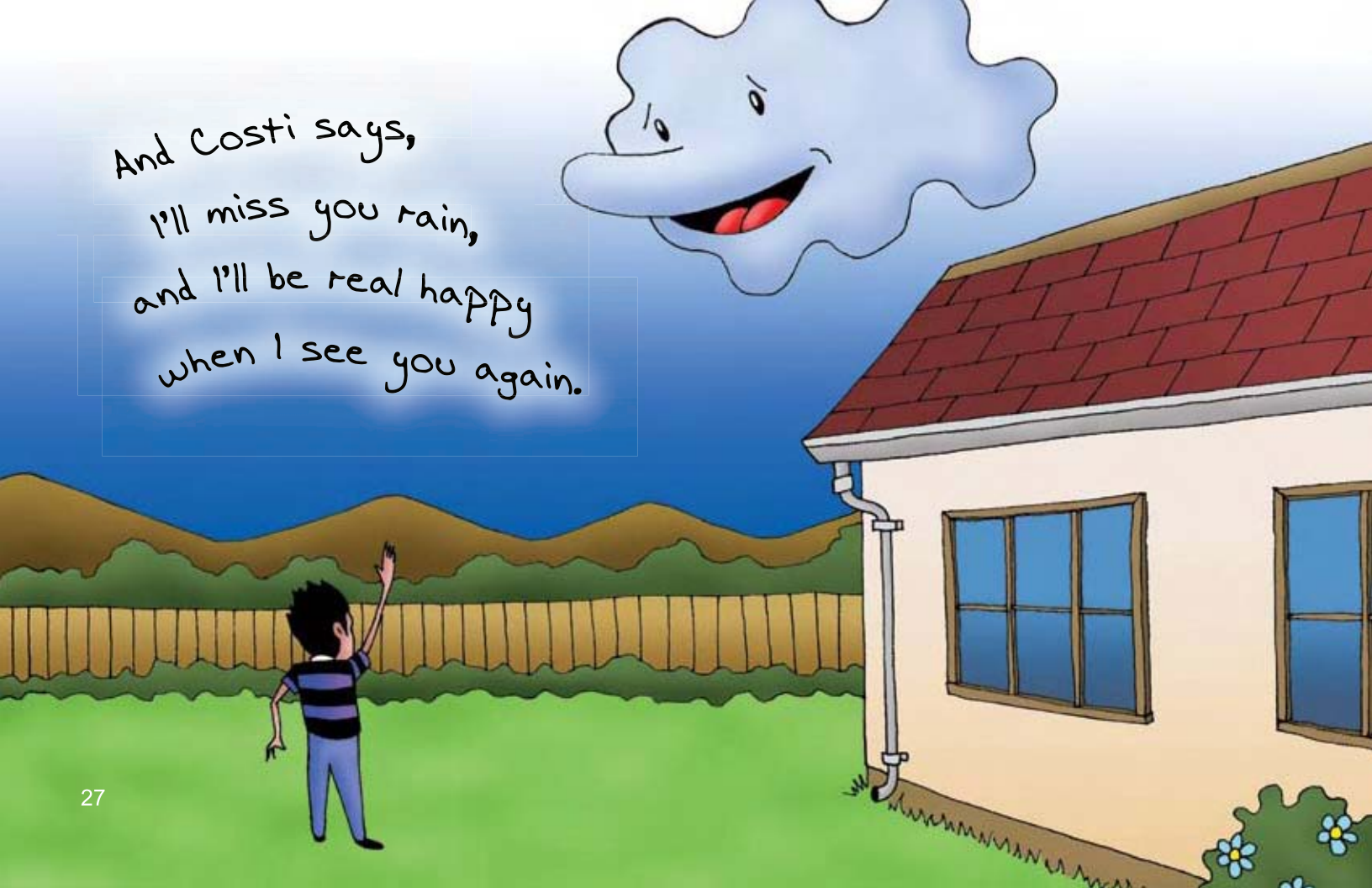
And the sun comes out,
heats the water by and by,

the water becomes steam
and floats to the sky.



Down from the sky and
home we fly,
where I evaporate
and say goodbye.

And Costi says,
I'll miss you rain,
and I'll be real happy
when I see you again.



About the Authors

Johnny Khamis

Johnny Khamis is a Silicon Valley father of a 5-year-old boy whose imagination and inquisitive nature have inspired Johnny to write about the conversations he has with his son. Constantine is always asking about how things work and why things happen. He sits for hours inventing new toys (he calls contraptions) out of his Legos and Tinker Toys. They often go on nature walks and are fascinated with why plants grow, and why rain falls and what happens to the water.

Damon Belanger

Damon Belanger was born in Florida and has a degree in Advertising from San José State University. Damon has had art shows all over the U.S., including San Francisco and New York and his comics and art have been published in various compilations and magazines. In 2003, he was chosen to be artist in residence at *works* gallery in San José.

For Parents: How to use this book

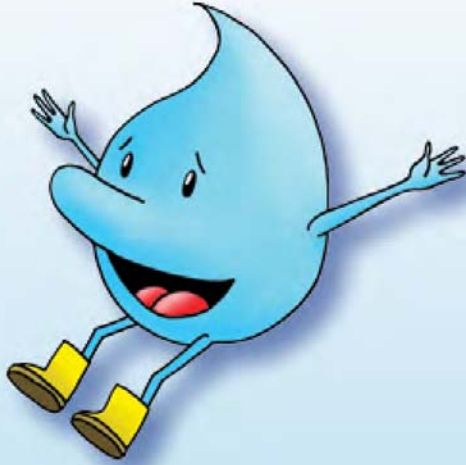
Read Costi and the Raindrop Adventure to your child, or have your child read Costi and the Raindrop Adventure to you, then discuss the following questions:

1. What is rain and where does it come from?
2. Rain comes from clouds, where do clouds come from?
3. How is rain important to the environment? To animals? To people?
4. Why do droughts occur?
5. What is the rain cycle?
6. What would happen if it stopped raining forever?

Coming soon!

Costi, The Tree, and The Seasons





Raindrop

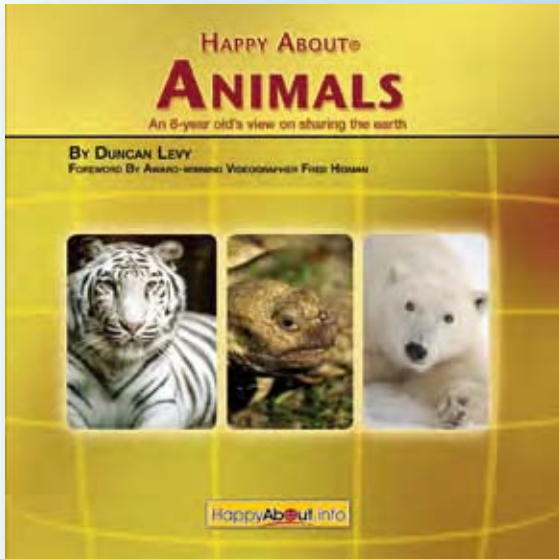
The Raindrop comes down from the sky to teach Costi about the importance of rain in our daily lives.



Costi

Costi is a curious little boy who can't understand why it has to rain when he wants to go outside to play. The Raindrop comes down from the sky to teach him about rain and why we should all appreciate it.

Another Happy About book



This is a book written by a kid for kids. Duncan Levy chose 20 land animals and 11 sea animals to research and share his opinion about. It contains facts that are fun to learn, delivered with the type of wit you would expect from a bright 8-year old.

Animals on land Duncan discusses include: albatross, baboon, bobcat, cheetah, eagle, flamingo, gorilla, hyena, leopard, lion, moose, parrot, penguin, porcupine, red fox, seal tiger, walrus, wolf, and the polar bear. Animals in the sea include: boxfish, dolphins, eel, schools of fish, jellyfish, hammerhead, humpback whales, killer whales, rays, salmon, sharks, and stonefish.

Read the intro paragraph from “Animals on Land” to get a feel for Duncan’s writing style:

“Animals on land are fun to look at and can be fun to pet, particularly domestic animals. I love my grandparent’s cats. However, many of the animals in this book are wild animals, which can only be looked at. Petting them will result in losing fingers or an arm or worse. Yikes!”

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Join Costi as he takes an amazing journey through forests, cities, and over rivers and bays to learn about the rain cycle. On a rainy day, Costi looks out his window and wonders why there has to be rain at all. A giant raindrop falls out of the sky and takes Costi on an unforgettable and educational adventure, which shows how important rain is to us and the world.

Written and illustrated to capture the minds of 4-8 year olds, Costi and the Raindrop Adventure is full of action and will introduce children to nature, science and how they work together. The best books for children are those that entertain and teach at the same time, like Costi and the Raindrop Adventure.

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